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For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SEPARATING UNITS OF  
INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE  
INTERFACE SYSTEM FROM THEIR PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION**

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated **August 7, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.